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Kim, hope this helps...

Immediately following the accident at the DuPont La Porte facility, EPA Region 6 deployed OSC Enders and START to the response. The OSC integrated into the existing Unified Command, providing technical assistance on re-entry, community safety, and other important elements during the initial response and recovery. EPA provided air monitoring, as well as coordinating with state, local and facility response officials, such as the LEPC and the Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA). Once the incident moved out of the recovery phase, EPA coordinated with DuPont, OSHA, CSB and TCEQ to ensure the building was cleared for re-entry and to address any outstanding issues or concerns.

The La Porte, Morgan's Point & Shoreacres Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has been extremely active since the passage of EPCRA in 1986. They work closely with facilities in the area, schools, community groups on emergency preparedness and planning efforts. The LEPC is very involved in providing outreach to the community on what to do in a chemical emergency, including understanding the local siren system, and how to obtain vital information during an incident.

One of the LEPC's "best practices" is that the LEPC provides Shelter-in-Place training to new teachers each year through LPISD's new teacher orientation program. This training is also provided to substitute teachers and auxiliary staff. In addition, the LEPC provides Shelter-in-Place education to each elementary school through the Wally Wise Program.

EPA Region 6 has partnered with the LEPC throughout the years, including holding RMP outreach training for covered facilities when the RMP program was first initiated, conducting community meetings on RMP, hosting EPA-conducted EPCRA training for facilities in past years, and helping to host one of our LEPC workshops this past summer. The LEPC helped in conducting two of our Region 6 LEPC Conferences, which were held in Harris County. In addition, the LaPorte LEPC has been supportive of the HOTZONE conference each year. The LEPC also helped us conduct a risk communication workshop for industry and local officials several years ago.



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"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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**Subject:** Information on the Dupont facility in LaPorte and the LEPC

Hi Steve,

OSHA is putting together a write-up on the accident at the Dupont LaPorte facility in November for the January EO meeting with the WH. I wanted to check with you about any actions the Region did or is taking (i.e. site visit, inspection, conversations/meetings with the facility, contact with LEPC, etc.) regarding this accident. I have checked out the LEPC website site (<http://laportetx.gov/lepc/>) which appears very thorough and has a good deal of information about what to do when an accident happens for the community. Is there information you can give us on the Regional efforts and/or the LEPC for the write-up? I believe OSHA and the CSB will have the lead regarding the facility inspections/investigation, but I was hoping to get some good information about the LEPC, their plan, and their efforts to educate and inform the public. It appears that this LEPC is a “best practice” we would want to highlight to the WH and to the public in general.

Thanks,  
Kim

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